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**37 CFR § 1.116**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
**Murray Edward Bruce Leighton** Confirmation No.: **6842**  
Application No.: **10/522,825** Group Art Unit: **3782**  
Filing Date: **September 20, 2005** Examiner: **Jes F. Pascua**  
For: **RECLOSABLE BAGS HAVING A TEAR-OPEN STRING**

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In response to the Official Action dated **April 21, 2008**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.